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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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May 28, 2021

David W. Gray
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270

Subject: Exceptional Events Demonstration for Ozone on August 16, 17, and 21, 2020 in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Area and Clean Data Determination Request for the DFW 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Nonattainment Area

Dear Acting Administrator Gray:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) submits for the EPA's consideration the enclosed exceptional events demonstration for August 16, 17, and 21, 2020 in accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §50.14(c)(3). This demonstration was posted for public comment and comments received are enclosed. The comments received were supportive of the demonstration.

The TCEQ requests that the EPA concur with this demonstration and enter an exceptional event flag for the appropriate August 16, 17, and 21, 2020 Air Quality System records, bringing the DFW area into attainment of the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard. The TCEQ also requests a clean data determination for the DFW 2008 eight-hour ozone standard nonattainment area.

Thank you for your consideration of information. If you have any questions, please contact Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director of the Air Quality Division, at 512-239-6628 or donna.huff@tceq.texas.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tonya Baer".

Tonya Baer, Director
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Enclosure

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